

In the name of God Amen

I Joseph Brown of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of this mortal and being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same do make and Publish this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following that is to say first I do Give and bequeath to my Beloved wife Ann the Plantation that it now lies on and all the house hold Furniture and stock after paying all my Just Debts out of said stock and unto my two sons James & Alfred to have said Tract of land and all the land that I have joining said land in all seven hundred acres to hold in Fee simple after my wife's Death True and clear of all others to be divided according to quantity and quality by Three good free holders of their own County and I also Give all the stock of Horses Hogs Cattle and sheep unto aforesaid two sons Alfred and James provided they shall take care of their mother while she lives Except three cows one I give unto my son Joseph one unto my son Jesse and one unto my son Thomas Brown — my wife Ann is to have the use of my part of said stock while she lives and my negroes and all the rest of my property to be Equally divided Between all my Children Except James and Alfred after paying Jesse and Sarah and Nancy Bradley three hundred dollars Each in good Trade at its value to be valued by two Good men if not agreed on by the party I hereby appoint my two sons Jesse Brown and Joseph Brown to be my Executors of this my last will and Testament thereby Revoking all former Wills by me made in Writing Whereof I have therunto set my hand and Seal this ninth day of February 1860 signed sealed and published and declared by the above named Joseph Brown to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and at his presents have therunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same

James Beffey afft
John Cook

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